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A BRIEF  
RELATION  
OF THE  
**Life and Death**  
Of the late Famous  
Mathematician and Astrologer,  
Mr. VEN. GEMMI WINN.  
TOGETHER

With his Nativity, 'as it was done,' many  
years before his Death, by his own hand; And  
now, for general satisfaction, made publick.

By J. G. φιλοκαθηματικός.

*Badminton*  
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Quum Moritur vir, an revicturus est? Job. 14.  
----Et Mortuus adhuc per hanc loquitur. Heb. 11.

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To the Honourable Edward Deering, of  
London Esq; His Majesties Merchant, and  
Receiver General of his Majesties Revenues in  
the Counties of Kent, Essex, Surrey &c.

Honoured Sir,



Not only your acquaintance with the Sciences Mathematical, and the many profitable Labors of the Industrious Person, whose Life I here publish, but your known affection to all the friends of V'RANIA, hath invited me to this address: As also to return my humble thanks, for that you were pleased lately in a Company of Giant-like, yet ignorant opposers, as well Nobly to favour the Truths of Astrology, as courteously to own me and my meaner Arguments in its behalf. In which contest, by your prevailing and sinnewey Reasons, you so far wrought upon their Passion and Prejudice (little than a Miracle;) that at length those angry Opponents (although some of them were men otherwise learned, and Elderly too) began ingeniously to acknowledge, that they had never heard so much discourse of Astrology in all their Lives; and therewithal frankly engaged to enquire into the grounds of that Science, before they believed any more reports against it. A good president for all that are Enemies to any truth upon the bare hear-say of others; or, because the ignorant Multitude (as taught by the supercilious \* Man in Black,) have declaimed, or rather snarl'd against

\*I mean only the Angry Multitudes Who of all men most emulates Astrology; and yet huggs an opinion an 100 times more ridiculous than any one principle thereof; nay, directly untrue; viz. that of Prædestination in the most terrifying fence.

it. Vox Populi is not alwaies Vox Dei; And Truth is too Coy to be courted by the Rabble-rout; She hath select Favourites to whom she dispenceth her Graces.

In your acceptance of this Dedication, you will help to preserve to posterity a true Son of Science; One, whose Industry was such that Ages will scarcely Equal. And yet (Sir) not so much protect him, as that mean Piece, I have in, the following History drawn of him, scarce to the Life I confess. My numbers are too unmusical to sound forth his worth; And my Colours (now like his Ghost) too pale and lifeless, to express his great Deservings. Mr. Wing was his own best Herald; And his Fame will live for ever, in his own works. What I have done, is only to pay a grateful respect to his Ashes, as he was my friend that future times may find, he had some who were contemporary with him, that knew how to value him and his merits. If therefore (Sir) you will vouchsafe me but a corner of the Mantle of your Nobler Reputation and Favour, for my defence, you will thereby, at once, keep Mr. Wing warm in his Coffin, and cover the many imperfections of him, who (thus endeavours to embalm his memory, against the Flesh-flies of Envy and Detraction; and) esteems it one of his greatest Felicities, that he hath an opportunity to entitle himself,

Honoured Sir

From my study in Brick-Court by the Deans-Yard Westminster.

Your real Servant  
and Honourer,

J. Gadbury.



SOME  
REMARKS  
ON THE  
LIFE and DEATH  
OF  
Mr. *VINCENT WING*,  
Compared with his NATIVITY.



R. *Vincent Wing* was born at *North Luffenham* in the County of *Rutland*, in the Year of our Lord 1619. on the Ninth Day of *April*, at Five Hours Forty-eight Minutes *P. M.* or Afternoon. He was a branch of an honest and virtuous stock: as proceeding from Parents rather good, than great; who, with their Ancestors have been long seated in the said Town of *Luffenham*, en-

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Mr Wing's Ancestors first came out of Wales, and settled at Panton near Grantham in Lincolnshire, and never 100. Yeares since Planted themselves in North Luffenham, and as I have it ascertained from an honorable hand, there have bin of them in that place three Generations successively, with himself.

joying a greater blessing in their continued and settled condition, than many others in the Multitude of Riches: A *fixed Habitation*, being even the mightiest Mercy that *Fortune* can bestow upon *Mortality*; and so characterized by *G O D* Himself to *Moses* in the Mount. Whereas a *wandering* or *erratique* condition, or course of life, either in *Persons* or *Families*, is, not only a *reproach*, but a *Curse* to *them* that undergo it, and their *future Generations*. And this *Cain* in the beginning of time, and the *Jewes* since the *Death of our Saviour*, have, by a long and miserable experience, found *certain* and *true*.

But Mr. Wing's Family, hath been happy above many other Families, in the inheriting so peculiar a blessing; and yet not more fortunate therein, than in the bringing forth this their *ingenious* and *industrious Son*: Who, from his own *merit* and endeavours, (with *God's blessings* thereupon) hath, not only preserved, but much augmented the *Reputation* of his deserving Predecessors; and so firmly planted his *Name* and *Memory* there, leaving to his *Pofterity*, an Estate and Fortune considerable to support and maintain it, should their after endeavours be wanting thereunto; of which, I am (credibly) informed, there is at present no just cause to doubt.

Where a *large Purse*, or ample Fortune to a *Father* is wanting, the *Son*, though never so prompt and meritorious, must be content to miss of a *liberal breeding*; and thus it fared with Mr. Wing: whose

whose *Lot* it was to be of capable years, and fit for *Learning*, even in the worst of times; *Viz.* at the begining of our late unhappy *Confusions*: When *Rebellion* was opposed to *Loyalty*; *Plundering* and *Free-Quarter* to the providing for, and *advancement* of *Posterity*; The *Pistol* and *Pole-Axe* to *Terence* and *Tully*, &c. And every well-meaning Person (though of a Fortune competent) had enough to do to *shift* and *provide* for *Himself*. In which unhappy, (and perhaps unheard of) Calamity, Mr. *Wing's* best *Friends* and *Parents* sharing, were the more disabled for pursuing his *promotion* and encouragement in *Learning*. But although it was his luckless Fortune and unhappiness, to want an *Academical Education*; yet such was his *Natural Inclination* and *Propensity* to an acquaintance with *Letters*, that by his own *Industry*, and *study*, he had in time, conquered a competent Portion of *Learning*, *Viz.* A perfect acquaintance of the *Latine Tongue*, and a moderate understanding in the *Greek*, &c. By which happy advantages, the greatest and most *critical Authors* and *Masters* of *Astrologie*, and the *Mathematiques*, in their own Language, were no strangers unto *Him*.

From whence we may collect this true and modest Observation.— “That Mr. *Wing* was

“born a Scholar, although not bred, or made one; “and therefore preferable before many Thousands that had the gainful advantage of an “University Learning, and yet were not there-

Mr. *Wing* wanted an Academical Education; and the reasons thereof.

Dominus Ascendentis applicatus Domino M. C. existentia in sua exaltatione, decernit Natum ex se ipso honores cumulaturum.



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"with capable of matching Him in *Mathematical* and *Astrological Performances*. So excellent is an Innate worth and glory, that all the external Paints and Florishes cannot so much as equalize, much less transcend or surpass it.

Yet let the *ingenious Reader* know, that I have no dis-respect for the *Muses*, or for such, whose happy *Fate* it is, to suck at the *sacred Breasts of Minerva*; as having the Schools of Learning in *Adoration*, and ever bearing a high honour and value for all those that derive Science from them:

And could heartily wish that our *English Universities* were so happy, as to *Nurse* and *Foster*\*

wish also, that only such, whose *Genitures* render them capable such whose inclinations of Learning what they always prudently teach; bend to learning, might be those being the most probable of making returns but so happy as not to miss of *Gratitude* unto them, and of sounding forth an Academic Education. to the *World* their deserved *Honour* and *Fame*.

How many are there that be constantly Educated in *Schools of Good Literature*, that for want of a *Genious* to cope with, and conquer *Science*, become rather the *Scorn* than *Honour* of Learning?

¶ *Ex quolibet Ligno non fit Mercurius.* Of every *Wood a Mercury* ¶ cannot be made. If the *Flint* have no *Fire* in it naturally, in vain is the *Steel* applyed unto it, in hopes of procuring any. *Schools of Learning* being like unto skilful *Lapidaries*, who *polish* the *Diamonds* of our *minds*, and *understandings*; and set a radiant lustre upon them, although we bring them thither *rugged* and *misshapen*: (and thither we must bring them, or go without our errand.)

And

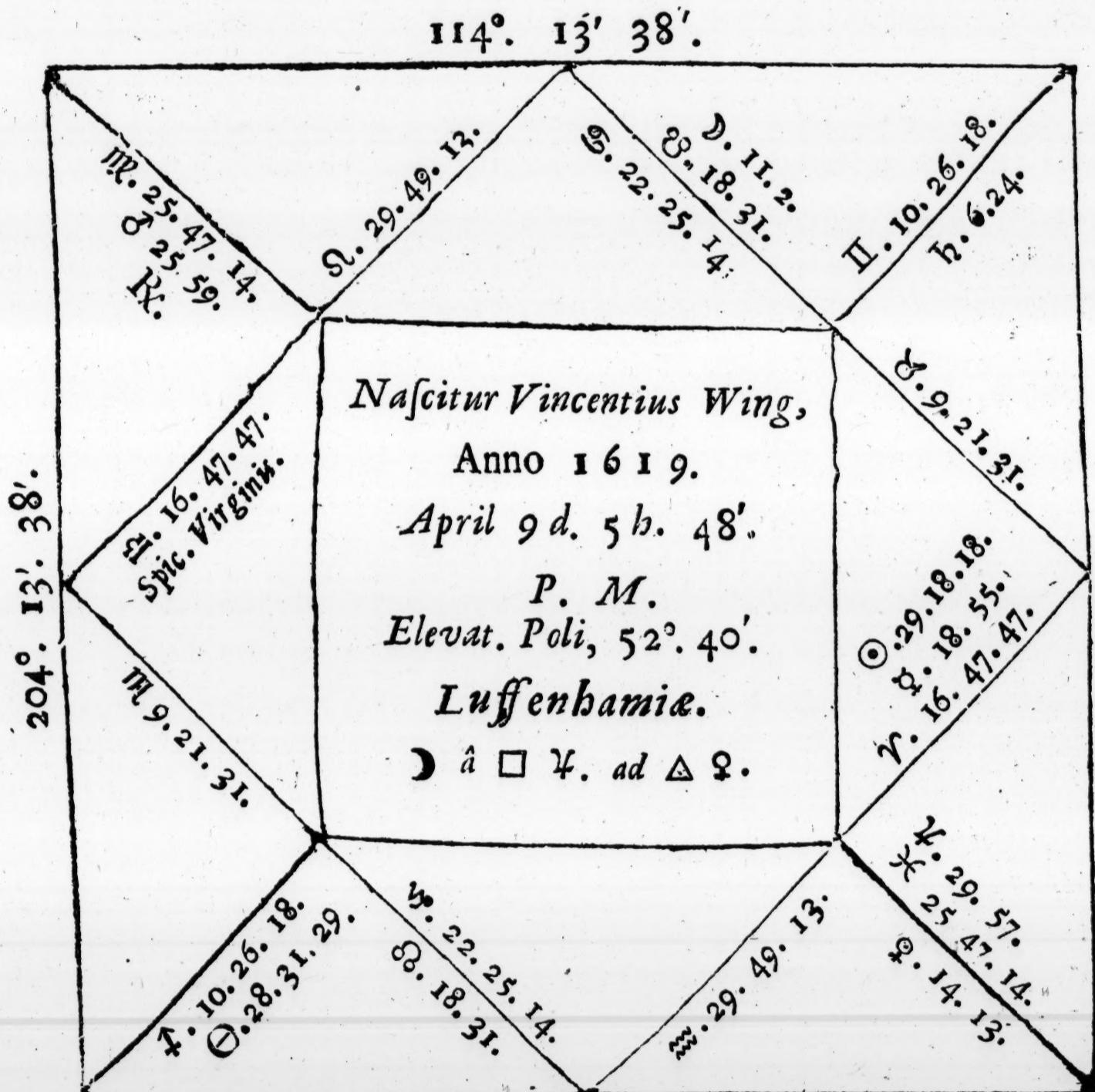
And indeed, *Men* must have *peculiar Stars* for the attaining such a peculiar *Favour* and blessing from the Hand of *God* and *Nature*: And being so furnish'd, will in *time appear*, and shew themselves, and *Dart* forth their *Native Splendor*, (like our Mr. *Wing*) although they should want the *Embellishes* and *Polishes* of Education. (yet I say not all out so happily!) And if this our *deceased Friend* were so eminently *successful* and *deserving* without *them*, and *shined* in *his Generation above*, and *beyond so many*, that had the enjoyment of *such* adorning acquisitions; What would *He* have done, and how *spreading* would *His Fame* have been, if *His so rare Natural Parts* had met in *Conjunction* with *them*?

But because Mr. *Wing* was an *Astrologer* and *Mathematician*, and that perhaps these *Papers*, may be mostly inspected by *such* as are inclined to *those curious Sciences*; I shall desire, and expect the Pardon of the *ingenious*, if I swerve a little from *common Method* in the Writing the *Life* of this my *worthy Friend*; and here, before I proceed any further, insert his *Nativity*, as it was curiously done by his *own hand*, and by *Himself* friendly communicated to me several Years || before He dyed: He being of so *generous* a *Mind* and *Courage*, and yet so  *humble* withall, that, as he did not fear to *fore-see*, or *fore-know* any *evil* of *Himself*, so He was not *elevated* or *puffed* up with the thoughts of any *prescient advantages* that were likely to issue to

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Genit. p. 2.  
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is Printed.

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him: but used his *Nativity*, and what he understood thereby, (as the great *Apostle* used the *World*,) as if he used it not. Submitting Himself (even in the best or worst of things, by it either promised or threatned) ever to the *guidance* and *governance* of that *Universal Power*, that ruleth all things by the wisdome of his *Providence*, even God blessed for ever!



### *Latit.*

*Latit. Planetarum.*

☿.	1°.	51'	}	Merid.
♀.	0°.	57'		

♂.	2°.	46'	}	Septent.
♀.	0°.	20'		

♀.	1°.	23'	Merid.
☽.	0°.	46'	Septent.

*Antisc. Planetarum.*

○.	0	42'	℞.
☿.	23	36	℞.
♀.	0	3	℞.
♂.	4	1	℞.
♀.	15	47	℞.
☽.	11	5	℞.
☽.	18	58	II.

The Fortitudes and Debilities of the Planets in this Nativity, you may behold in the following Table.

○		strong	9	
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♀.		strong	20	
☽.		strong	20	
Θ.		strong	6	

Here are no less than four Planets Competitors for the honour of *Almuten* in this *Geniture*: Viz. The *Moon*, *Mercury*, *Jupiter*, and *Venus*: and truly, if I understood his *Mind* and *Actions* aright, he equally shared in their peculiar qualities and significations. For he wanted not the publick *Fame* and multiplicity of business that the *Moon* gives; nor the *Ingenuity* that *Mercury* bestows; nor the *Justice* and *Goodness* that *Jupiter* affordeth; nor yet the *harmless* and *pleasant*.

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sant conversation, (to sweeten the rest, for without that all business is a burthen, and all knowledge a slavery!) that *Venus* patronizeth: But of this more anon.

The *Sun* alone is *Hylech*, or *Propagator vitae*,  
Omar de Nat. tivit. Lib. 2. Cap. 3. &c. Firmic. Lib. 2. Fol. 57. ad Mavort. the Geniture being Diurnal, and he in an *Aphetical* place. And (being just entring *Taurus*) we may admit *Venus* the *Alchocoden*, or giver of Years: Or should we (in respect of the *Moon's* being so powerful in the Figure) admit her a sharer in the designing of Life, (which is not altogether unreasonable, but agreeable to the Opinions of *Omar* and *Firmicus*,) then will *Jupiter* be *Alchocoden*; which is in effect the same; for both their mean Years are *Forty-five*. and more they cannot give of themselves in this *Nativity*; because one of them is oppressed by *Saturn's* *Quadrature*, and the other by *Mars* his *Opposition*: and although Mr. *Wing* lived beyond these, Four Years at the least, that is to be attributed to the *strength* of his *Nativity* in general, and not to his *Alchocoden*; which could not preserve him above the aforesaid number of Years for the Reasons before remembred.

*Saturn* is the *Anareta*, or the Destroyer of Life in this *Geniture*; as being, First, Locally placed in the *Eighth House*; Secondly, As afflicting the *Lady* of the *Horoscope*; Thirdly, As he is *Lord* of the *Fourth House*, which Astrologically signifieth the *Grave*; Fourthly, As he is a *Planet* initial to Nature. And accordingly when the

*Sun*

Sun or *Hylech* was directed to his *Conjunction* or Body, Mr. *Wing* dyed.

And so I come to consider of the *Nativity* it self, and to compare it with the *Actions*, *Dispositions* and *Inclinations* of the deceased Person to whom it appertained.

Herein you see that *Signum Justitiae*, or the *Cœlestial Ballance* is ascending the Horoscope, and the *Royal fixed Star*, *μηνὸς νοτιαցῆτος*, or the *Virgins Spike* ariseth therewith: plainly demonstrating Mr. *Wing* (according to the Rules of Astrology) to be born for an *honourable end* and purpose; and to do *great and worthy things* in his *Generation*; which he hath not failed to perform: thereby eminently justifying the influences of those *Stars*, that (*Sub Deo*) have honoured him at his *intrat* into this World. The benigne Planet *Venus* is *Governess* of the *Horoscope*, and posited in her *exaltation*, in *Trine* of the *Moon*, and in a *noble reception* of *Luna* and *Jupiter*: all, of most admirable import and signification, as every understanding *Astrologer* knows. And agreeable hereunto, Mr. *Wing*, as he was honoured equally with *many* above his *degree*, so he merited such respect; being a Man || of a very *just* and *pious* frame and *temper*; generally even *humored*: at sometimes he would admit of *facetiousness* without *scandal*, *affability* without *injury*; and did a little delight in a free and harmless conversation; being neither *too austere* on the one hand, or *too vain* and *fruitless* on the other.

*Stellæ fixæ irrationabiles.  
atque admirabilis  
leis felicitates  
afferunt, &c.  
Ptol. Cent.  
Aphor. 29.*

*Spica Virginis  
in Ascidente,  
dignitates al-  
tas impartitur,  
&c. Ptol.  
Parv. p. 131.*

*|| Dominus de-  
cimæ in nona,  
Natus erit ho-  
nestæ vita.*

*Argol. p. 42.*

*Venus honestæ  
posita, ut in suis  
dignitatibus,  
cum Luna, &c.  
Honestos mores,  
& laudabiles  
decernit.*

other. But (like his *Horoscope*) was equally poiz'd between both, and yielded to neither extream. He was scarcely known to envy any man, (and do you not see that Mars is the weakest Planet in the Schem?) as if he had wanted Choler to awaken Revenge, or to create a passion:) but, on the contrary, was kind, respective and obliging to all men: even to his enemies, (as the Holy Rule enjoyns) if they were not, beyond the line of reason, malicious and provoking.

All Rutlandshire, Northamptonshire, and the Countreys round about, give this general good & commendable Character of him; as any that pleases, may more particularly inform them-selves from any of the Gentry of those Countreys, as two Planets greatest dignities, Viz. that of Aries, & Venus, &c. before spoken of, is made from thosestrologers called House and Exaltation; which gave Mr. Wing a more curious frame of soul, and a better opportunity and means to shew the excellency, integrity, activity, and evenness there-of, than if so glorious an Aspect had proceeded from weaker parts of the Heavens: I mean, from such parts or places wherein those Planets had less delighted, or had been more meanly and poorly

poorly dignified. Thus we see by experience, that the Dignities of the Planets are no vain and idle things ; and that we ought to esteem more of them, than of *Chimera's*, or Castles in the Aire. I could produce a great many parallel instances, but this is so certain and undoubted a truth, that it needs not.

From this admirable *Trine*, and it's happening, (not only in the Dignities of the Planets Trining, but) in the Dignities of the benevolent Planet *Jupiter*; (the Patron of things Divine, &c.) proceeded that great and unfeigned Love, Duty, and Reverence, which Mr. Wing constantly paid to Religion, and to the service of God : being always known for a true and zealous frequenter of the Church, and an adorer of the Clergie ; esteeming them the most worthy of Honour and Reverence, that God himself had been pleased to commit the charge of his most honourable and valuable Jewels in the World unto ; even the Souls of Men. He was indeed so much, and so great a votary to Religion and Piety, that many of the Almanacks he annually wrote, were in a manner Sermons, or Expositions, or Applications of some useful Texts of Scripture ; encouraging People by the Word of GOD, as well as by the Works of God, to follow that which was Religious, Audable, Good and Profitable. By which ingenious and pious practice of his, we are made happy in the acquaintance of this great truth, (against the perverse, wilful, abstinate,

*Luna in Nonis  
Nato religione  
addicit.*

*Argol. p. 140.*

*Quum & q.  
Gc. sunt signif.  
dispositionis A.  
nimæ, Naturæ e-  
rit simplex, a-  
mans nitidita-  
tem, & magi-  
steriam, arque  
rum investi-  
gationes, —  
eritque bona  
qualitatibus ani-  
mae, pius, sani  
cordis, Deum  
amabit, & illi  
serviet, cupiet  
etiam amore  
Dei, laboriosus  
&c., erit sensa-  
tus, & amans,  
humilis, &c.*

*Ptol Quadrip.  
lib. 3. cap. 13.*

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stinate, unreasonable and crooked Opinions of the  
Enemies to all stary Learning.) That a Man may  
be a good Christian, and yet an Astrologer: and,  
that Divinity and Astrologie, to a sober and un-  
prejudiced understanding, are not incompatible:  
there being no such antipathy between the Word,

Rue, or Herb-  
grace, delights  
not to grow  
in the Face of  
the Sun, al-  
though he be  
wort,) but that they may well stand and grow  
the Life of all together. *Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei.* Psal. 19.  
living things: vers. 1.  
and this any  
Gardner will  
tell you.

He was a Person of a very ready, ripe, and preg-  
nant wit; and had good judgment and memory  
thereunto annexed: [The want of the later of  
which was a defect, that the learned Doctor  
Hammond exceedingly bewailed in himself, say-  
ing, that it was easier for him to Pen twenty Ser-  
mons, than to get one by heart.] What Mr. Wing

¶ *H. in domo  
Mercurii, dat  
Scientias. Ptol. Mathematician* || in his younger years, being ca-  
pable of understanding all the parts of *Arith-  
metique*, of the several ways used in *Surveying  
Land*, Measuring all sorts of heights and distances,  
&c. As also of making all kinds of *Dyals*,  
with many other neat and commendable acquire-  
ments, by that time he was but *Eighteen Years  
of Age*; as I have often heard *Himself*, as well  
as others report. So that in a sence, it may be  
said of him, as it was of the Holy St. Remigius,  
and the great Doctor S. Thomas Aquinas, — That  
from

from the time of his first capacity of Learning, he outstripped those that were much his Superiors in Age, and (I may justly add) in Education also.

And truly, he had need be naturally ingenious, that attempts such *lofty, crabbed, coy, and difficult studies* at any time, much more in his *Juvenile Years*: When the *Feather of Youth* is *high and spreading*, and principally waves us to *vani-ties*; seldom suffering our *inclinations* to reach after *serious or weighty things*; they being as contrary thereunto, as *Blood* to *Melancholy*, *Heat* to *Cold*, *Winter* to *Summer*, &c. But this Mr. Wing was born \* to prove the *Influences* of the Stars certain and true; and by an apt demonstration in himself to shew us, That the God of Stars is not tyed to the meaner methods and observations of Men, or to his own ordinary way of working; but pursues the Rules of his own good will and pleasure, varying from his common course, how, and when, and as oft as he pleaseth. Thus he can satisfie the *stomach* (beyond Man's reason) without food; the *Thirst* without *Wine*; and feed our *intellectuals* also (if he vouchsafe it) without *instruction of Books or Letters*. Tis his *Prerogative* peculiar, to make strong things of weak; and excellent things, of things *contem-ptible* and *despised*; an *Age in Youth*; and contrariwise, a *Childishness* in elder years; and by this his *foolishness*, sometimes to amaze, other-times to destroy, the *wisdom of Men*. Thus, to

\* Astrologus  
nascitur, non fit.

math. cap. 15.  
vers. 36, 37.  
1 Cor. c.p. 1.  
vers. 25, 26.

Dominus medi⁹ declare his Omnipotence, he is pleased to raise Celi in suis dignitatibus ap- Venti⁹ius (though of a very low and mean ex- plicatus d⁹ mis⁹ traction) to the greatest honour and dignity in Ascenden⁹ is O- Rome: And to make Cicero (whose Parentage, rientalis hono- or Original, if story may be credited, was scarce res in regno known) Pater Patriæ, the Father of his Country. pollicetur, & Principum fa- And thus by God's especial favour and benignity, miliaritatem Arg. p. 134.

Sol in Cusp de septime tribuit and a promoter of the severer Sciences. And from honores, &c glo- them, to an equal honour (for indeed He hath riam post mor- taken more than equal pains) with the admirable tem. Ptol. par. p. 133.

Canis Syrius, Alphonsus, with the renowned Ticho Brahe; with sicut Procyon in the immortal and ever glorious Julins Cæsar! medio Celi, (as with all which illustrious and famous Persons, here) dat hono- res magnos. &c his Name and Memory will for ever shine in the Ptol. par. 131.

Gradus medi⁹ Celi exaltatio Jovis (I am sure it is neer it) Celebre no- men diffundit. Argol. p. 132.

To fit him with a Soul for these illustrious en- quiries (for such they are) he had, in his Nati- vity, a noble reception of Mars and Mercury, (and Mercury swift in motion) and this by the dignity of ~~the~~ House, Viz. the greatest that can be: and such that Astrologers generally account equivalent to a Sextile or Trine Aspect of them: and the Moon (which is the Conveyer of all the other Planets influxes to this our Terrene Star) is hastning to an Aspect of them both. Which

Bene dispositi Mercurius, & Mars faciunt ingenio acutissimo. pag. 137.

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(in an *Astrological* sense) forceth the *imagination*, *fancy* and *ingenuity* of a *Person* (pardon the expression, for it is very true,) that is *so born*, beyond the *common rate* of *exertion*, and *ripens* the *mind* (with all its faculties) in so *celerous* and *active* a manner, that it affordeith a *Harvest* of *Wit* and *Judgment* in such *Men*, before there will be an appearance of a *Spring* in *others*, that shall unfortunately want these *forwarding Configurations*. And thus it cometh to pass, that some Persons are so *prodigiously*, and to a *Miracle* illuminate, and afford great *Crops* of *Art* and *Learning*, before *others* of more *tenebrous* and *Cloudy souls*, can put forth either *Leaf* or *Blos-some*.

Thus it was apparent in the *Nativity* of that See the History of his Life.  
Reverend *Prelate*, the late Lord Primate of Ireland, Doctor Usher, (whom *Paulus Testardus* justly stile, *Seculi, & Ecclesiae decus eximum, the greatest honour of the Church and Age*) who, having such a Configuration in his *Geniture*, was so active and forward in his *studies*, that (the History of his Life saith) he was created *Master* of *Arts* at *Twenty Years of Age*. Thus also, the sound, late Reverend *Bishop* of *Durham*, Doctor Merton (from the same Reason in his *Nativity*) was learned betimes in comparison of many others, as is recorded in the *History* of his *Life*. So also the late Learned Doctor Hall, Bishop of *Norwich* (being born when *Mars* and *Mercury* were in *Trine Aspect*,) was known to be *Master* of a large

Vide my Collectio Genitura rum. p. 2. Where all their Nativities are to be

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large and spreading intellectual abilities, as any learned in the whole World: Witness the several incomparable Pieces he wrote, and left behind him in Print; especially that learned and pious Treatise, entituled his *Contemplations*. Thus likewise, the most learned and acute Phylosophers,

\* See his Nativity, as done by himself in his *Astrologia Gallica*.

*Henry Cornelius Agrippa*, and *John Baptist Morine*, &c. whose noble Genitures shewed the same worthy configurations: and who more nimble, and fortunately forward in all kind of learning than they? Infinite numbers more could I instance in, who (as these already mentioned, with our Mr. *Wing*, enjoying such excellent and beneficial rayes of the Stars,) have been as Comets in the Ages they lived and flourished in, attracting the Eyes and Wonder of all Men towards them, for their great and fortunate parts and performances: but these few are sufficient.

By this we are instructed how God Almighty in his wisdome hath suited and proportioned all inferiour actions, Persons and things, to the motions and configurations of the Heavenly Bodies: and how much it makes for the honour of his Majesty, that all temporary productions are ordered and disposed of, by this Cœlestial Clork-work; as it hath pleased him to appoint and ordain at the first.

From this happy reception of Mars and Mercury, together with the Moon's configurations with them, (of which before you have heard) It is observable, — That Mr. *Wing* was, not only capable

capable of knowledge and understanding, &c. but was therein very communicative and diffusive. He hated to hide his Talent in a Napkin; or covetously to cloyster up that Science which He so happily (above many thousands of others) had attained unto, and was blessed with all. He was freely willing and ready to impart any thing (let it be never so curious and choice a secret) to any ingenious Person or Son of *Urania*; and hath often publickly professed, that it was his great discontent and trouble, if at any time in his writings he thought he had not been plain, even to the meanest, or most ordinary, or costive understanding.

And (to go a little further in this Argument.) these configurations did, not only give him a great love unto, and a delight in knowledge, but a strength of mind, and ability of Body for the same. Thus was he fitted for travelling thorow the most crooked and crucifying parts of *Astronomy*, &c. As those, of the restoring the (most hard to be found) places of the two most *Critical Planets* in the Heavens, *Mars* and *Mercury*.

He had (in all respects) an active Geniture: and accordingly hated slothfulness and idleness with a perfect hatred; accounting it a shame and error for any Man to foster or cherish such contemptible issue: or to think that he was created, or brought forth into the *World* for so despised and inglorious an end. And was therefore so frugal of his time, (like the *Thuscan Philosophers*,

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|| See his excellent Tables (in his *Astronomia Instaurata*, and *Harmonicon Cœlestis*.) of those Planets motions: As also his *Astronomia Britanica*, lately published. |

*phers, that thought the loss of a Day irreparable;) as, not only, not to mis-employ or mispend any the smallest part or portion thereof, (after he was of capable and understanding Years,) but very prudently and advantagiously, to improve every little Minute; making his Books his recreations, and his severer and wasting studies, his Pleasures.*

If he were of any thing *covetous*, it was of *knowledge*: being indeed scarcely ever satisfied therewith; making it his *business* to frequent the *Company*\* of the most learned and excellent *Men* when he came to *London* at any time, and so to spend his time; whereas others generally turn such *journeys* into *p'leasure* and *recreation*: And truly so did Mr. *Wing* too. For such *converse* was his soul-satisfying delight; his *Mind* being principally placed upon such a *felicity*. Thus did Mr. *Wing* constantly (both abroad and at home) labour after the *discovery* of the most *mysterious* things in *Astrologie, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry*, and all other parts of *Mathematical Learning*.

But Mr. *Wing* did not labour after this *toylsome* manner, (*Churl-like*) only to satisfy and *please himself*, but to *profit* and *advantage others*. And to this purpose, after his many years painful labours, and a *consuming* of himself in *study* and *business*; he hath published to the *World* these several Books following.

\* And of this I have had the happiness, of being more than once or twice, a witness.

1. His *Urania Practica*, or Practical Astronomy.
2. *Harmonicon Cœlestis*, or the Harmony of the Visible World.
3. *Astronomia Instaurata*, in four parts.
4. Ephemerides of the Cœlestial motions for 20. Years; with an excellent Introduction to the knowledge of all Mundane Alterations.
5. An ingenious Treatise of Surveying.
6. *Examen Astronomiae Carolinæ*, in his own Defence.
7. *Astronomia Britannica*, written in Latine, now in the Press, and almost ready to be published.
8. *Computatio Catholica*; an excellent Treatise, now almost (also) ready to be published: Besides his Annual Labours, which always tended to the utility of the ingenious Astrologers, and Mathematicians.

In which Pieces of *Astronomy*, he hath most facilely solved, the (not very easily solved) *Phænomena* of the *Heavens*; and so plainly proved the motion of the *Earth* to be an apparent *Physical truth*, that the very *Soul of Copernicus*, (the first Inventer of that Opinion, as to this later part of the World,) by a happy *Metempsychosis*, seems to have enlightened Him to the *Demonstration* thereof: and this by such *unerring Axioms*, and most *conspicuous verities*, that the (long embr-

Mr. Wing the  
Reviver, and  
Defender of  
the motion of  
the Earth in  
these later  
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ced) contrary Opinions, with all the *insoluble systems* thereunto belonging, are quite out of Doors, and scarce so much as thought of now, (much less with pristine earnestness defended) by any of the most *able Astronomers* of this Age. So that, had the unfortunate *Bishop of Ratisbone*, but lived in our more *transparent and knowing times*, he had never dyed a *Martyr* for so sure and sound a *Truth*. Nay, had *Saint Augustine been contemporary with Mr. Wing, his doubt about Antipodes had been fully resolv'd*. May we not now (without vanity) aver, that *He was the Restorer of Astronomy to this later Age*: And not only so, but that he was so happy in his *attempts* of that kind, that he did *nothing without success*? Nay, I conceive I may (without offence) urge it, since others, (far more competent Judges of his *surpassing abilities* than my self) have done it before me.---- That *Mr. Wing hath performed more in, and toward the rectification and perfection of the Cœlestial Motions, than all the ingenious Mathematical heads in both Universities have of late Years done*; and for the same was honoured, and had in eminent esteem with most of the best learned in this our *British Nation*.

Among the many observables in *Mr. Wing*, this we may not omit in his *Praise*, and to his *Eternal Honour* let it be remembred: ----- That *He was always a Loyal Person and good Subject, and in the worst of times, when it was esteemed a Crime*

Crime to be obedient to a lawful Prince and Sovereign, and so much the fashion to be Anarchical and Rebellious; Mr. Wing was so conscientiously just, as always to own his Allegiance: accounting it far better to perform a vow made to God on the behalf of his Prince, than nimbly and unchristianly to swallow Perjury: (a Sin the very Heathen would disdain and protest against!) and although the times he was necessitated to live in, afforded him many great and unhappy examples to that unloyal and ungodly purpose, yet, he still continued his integrity and duty; as well knowing, that Treason against our Sovereign, is equal to Sacrilege against our Saviour.

Indeed, Mr. Wing, had, not only a just and Loyal Heart, but a good and Loyal Nativity to shew and to signify it. There was when he was born, in the Heavens a happy Trine between the Lady of the Ascendent and Governess of the Medium Cæli. We know it is as Natural for some Persons to be repugnant and opposite to Government, and to their Prince or Governor, as for some Children or Servants, to be disobedient or rebellious to their Parents or Masters. The reason whereof, is (perhaps) a secret in Astrologie, and scarce known to the best of Artists. It may be worthy thanks to divulge it; and it is this.---- That, as the gentle and amicable Rayes between the Lords of the Medium Cæli and Horoscope, make loyal and dutiful Persons or Subjects, so their unfriendly beames to each other, create

Vide his many Almanacks wrote in the times of our late Rebellion: when he might have sided against his Sovereign with applause, and gain; as well as some other Almanack-writers; but you find (by them) he was too Loyal for such degenerous & impious actions, or practices.

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*Rebels, Incendiaries, and unloyal Persons.* The ingenious Genethliacal Astrologer may spare me the trouble of *Instances*, he can easily prove the truth hereof himself.

Albeit, Mr. Wing was a Man of such admirable parts as you have heard, yet he was the least admirer of his own abilities of any Man in the World; but still industrious to improve them. His desire was so strong after *Study*, that he even neglected himself for it's sake, and for the great contentment he took therein. And though his attainments were great, yet was he known more to *lament* and *bemoan* his defects and imperfections, than any way to *boast* of his skill. He was no way *Ostentatious*, but on the contrary, very *humble*; and had nothing of the *Pharisaical temper* or *humour*, but like the *Laden Ear* in *Harvest*, still bent his head downward; and (with the *Peacock*) more often *look'd* upon his *Feet*, than his *Plumes*: being ever observed in all company, to give unto others the *precedence*, or *right hand*, which perhaps did not inherit the hundredth part of his *understanding* and *knowledge*.

But now, although he was of so self-denying a temper and disposition, and never apt to begin quarrels or contentions with any Man; yet hath it been his fortune (against his inclination) to be engaged in differences: he having been (by some *ambitious* and *troublesome Persons*) publickly abused in *Print*: by two especially, who

who have, (after their heaping upon him undeserved reproaches,) in an *impudent* and *shameless* manner, *made use of his works*, to dress and furnish out *their own*; and this without crying *Peccavi*, or seeking of a reconciliation from him. To signify || which hard measure from his (unexpected, as well as undeserved) *Antagonists*, he hath, in his *Nativity*, *Mars* (an angry Planet) Lord of his *Seventh House*, posited in *Virgo*, *Retrograde* in the *Twelfth Angle*, which hath signification of *scandal* and *detraction*, &c. And the *Moon*, *Cum cauda Draconis*; and in *Quadrature* of *Mercury* in the *Seventh House*; a place denoting *publick Adversaries*, *Strifes* and *contentions*, &c. apt and proper Arguments hereof, as any *Astrologer* must needs *understand* and *acknowledge*. More plain and *speaking testimonies* of the *Malice of Enemies*, cannot in any *Nativity* be found: as if Mr. *Wing* had been born into the World on purpose (in matters of *controversie*) to encounter *Men of brutish Principles* and *Conditions*.

Howbeit, it is eminently known, that Mr. *Wing* was of *courage sufficient*, and capable for to *resent* an *injury*; and would (upon any good occasion) be so *just* to himself, (and to the *truths* that the World was made partaker of, by his happy *Pen* and *Pains*;) as to give his *Enemies* to understand he did not *wear his Soul without him*; (Who ever did, that had the grand significators of his *Nativity* strong?) but could easily

|| Dominus sep-  
timæ in duode-  
cima dissensi-  
nes decernit  
cum inimicis.  
Argol.

*Seneca saith*  
that a man  
hath so much  
wit, as he hath  
anger. And St.  
Paul alloweth  
of anger; so  
that it be li-  
mited, and not  
transported  
with a desire  
of revenge.  
*Ephes. 4.*

ly vindicate himself from their caufless *cavils*, and *scommas*, and their want of *ingenuity* and *charity* towards him. And when (beyond reason) provoked, he did accordingly, (with a spirit of soberness) reply unto those his *Antagonists*; who were so bold and daring to attempt the lessening of his unblemish'd *Fame and Reputation*, to (do that which was indeed impossible, and therefore I spare their Names;) make way thereby for the *advancement of their own*. He also hath the *Virgins Spike* ascending, and the *Moon* with the *Stars of Apollo*: and could not (from thence) but have a great *Spirit*, and be readily *apprehensive*, though not *revengeful* of *injuries*: And would therefore (in cases of difference) only endeavour to *acquit himself*, but *not calumniate his adversaries*. And therefore we may say of him, as it was of another in a like case, *Non silet, & silet*: He might be said to be *silent and passive toward his Enemies* in respect of *revenge*, but *not in regard of reproof*. And surely herein he is no more to be censured, than the *harmless Worm* for turning again, when it is most *churlishly and injuriously trod on*.

Nor was Mr. *Wing* singular, or alone, in partaking of the *malice of Enemies*, or of being unworthily traduced. Mr. *Wing's Saviour* (who had the same\* *Ascendent* with him) was so serv'd before him. *The brightest Sun attracts the basest and most envious exhalations*. The great

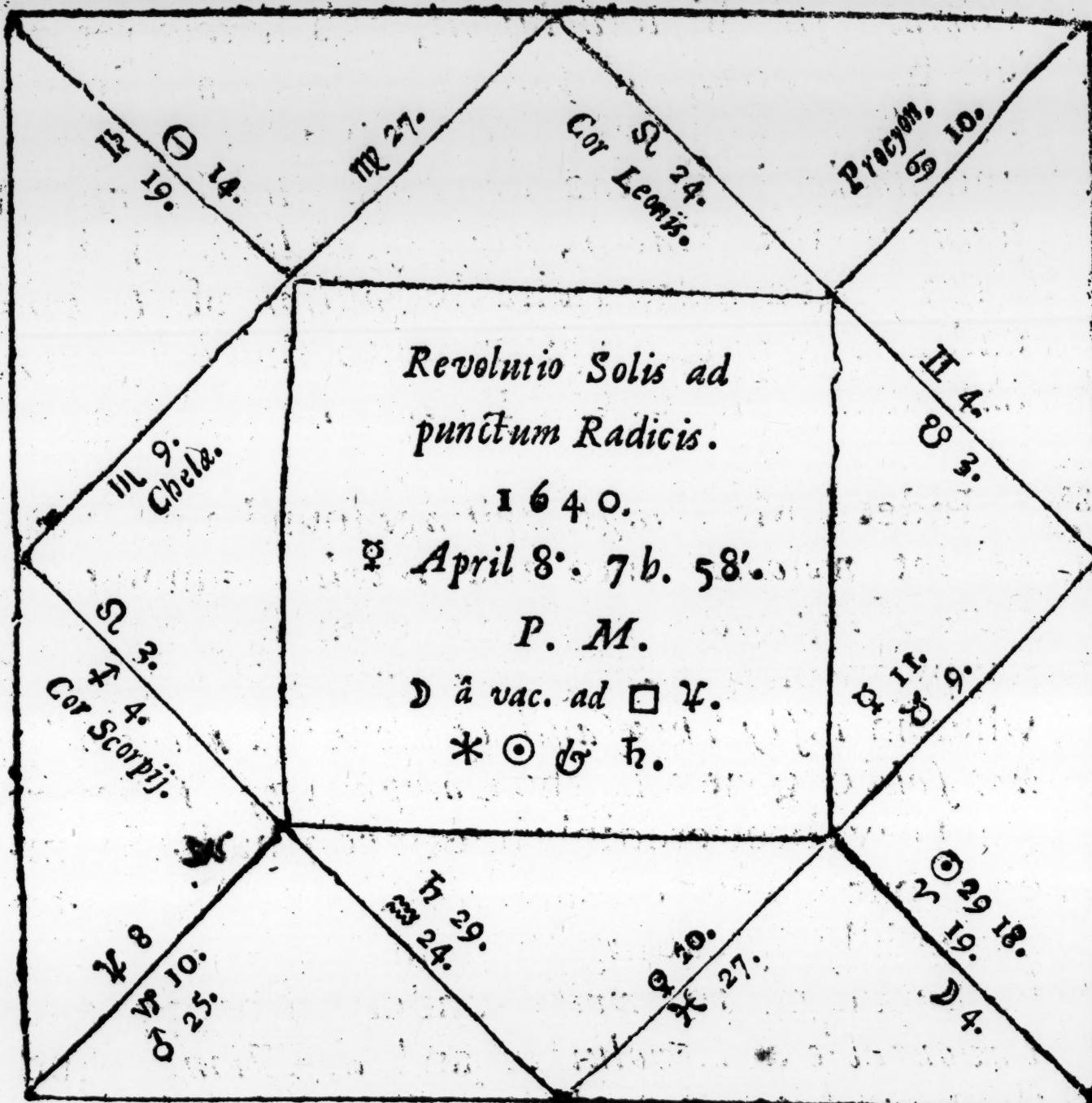
\*Vide, Cardan,  
in Coment. Ptol.  
Morinu:, in A-  
strol. Gallica.  
Gregor:, in  
Notes on  
Scripture.  
Card. Aliac. &c

Hippocrates

Hippocrates had a *Theſſalus* to oppose him ; and Divine Homer met with a *Momus* and *Zoilus*. And we know, that there are as many *Nebulous* and *Cloudy-Starrs* in the ~~high~~ <sup>Eight</sup> Sphear, as there be *Glorious* and *Shining ones*. No Truth in Heaven or Earth, but hath its *Anti-truth*. No Day without its *Shadow*; or Diamond that wants it *foyl*. Never was any Person famous for any thing yet, but as he met with *Favourites*, so he found *Detractors*. And what excellency can we name or think of, that hath been free from *opposition* or *interruption*? And therefore it is no wonder, that a man so popular as Mr. *Wing*, hath met with his *share of affronts* and *abuses*: it should rather have been Recorded a *Miracle* for him to have *missed* them. But Mr. *Wing* was too great a *Philosopher*, and too good an *Astrologer* to be concerned or troubled at such vanities. It was a satisfaction to him sufficient, to know that he had *justly* and *fairly* demonstrated and advanced the *Truth* of what he *studied*, and therein discharged a *good mind*. And he having met with the *approbation* and *thanks* of the most judicious and knowing, for his great pains and *industry*, looked upon the ignorant and false attempts of his *adversaries* to be too *sincereless* to impare his worth, and their hatred too *imbecil* and *truthless* to torment or *discompose* him.

When Mr.  
Wing first ap-  
peared up-  
on the Stage  
of the world.

He appeared first upon the *Theatre* of the *world* in the two and twentieth year current of his *Age*; beginning then to *Write* and *Print* his *Annual Books or Almanacks*; and as a fit *direction* for the favouring of such a purpose, the *Sun* then came *ad Sextilem Veneris in Tauro*: *She* being *Governess* of his *Ascendent*, and one of the *Almutens* of his *Geniture*; and the *Sun* (*the Grand Patron* of *publick Fame and Glory*) located in *Septimâ Domo*, *the great Angle of business and action*. And (that which is as remarkable) together with so favouring a *Direction*, he had a very *auspicious Revolution* for that year; as you may behold by the following *Scheme* thereof.



In this Cœlestial Figure, you see the Lords of the Horoscope and Medium Cæli, are in their sublimities or exaltations, and in a short quadrate to each other, equivalent to a Sextile; and the one of them in Trine to the Mid-heaven, and the other casts the same Aspect to the ☽, or eleventh Angle; and Royal

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fixed ~~on the~~ Stars prime Cusps of the Sbeam. The Lady of the Ascendent at birth (as there) is *Almuten* of this Revolution, and herein returned to her Radical place, casting a friendly Sextile to *Mercury* (the Patron of Learning and Books) in the *Seaventh House*, and a Trine to the *Nineth*, and *Ascendent*. It is in all respects a most admirable position of Heaven; and most properly agreeth unto the happy and immortal effects of this Natives Pen.

His writings universally esteemed and embraced.

Indeed Mr. Wings writings found a most excellent welcome into the World, among all sorts of ingenious persons: even so great and happy an one, that (at length) in that year, wherein Fifty Thousand of his Almanacks have not sold or gone off, the Company of Stationers (as I have been credibly informed) have esteemed it but a year of an indifferent sale. So universally spreading was this persons Fame, he beginning to write under so happy and Favourable a Revolution and direction. And these his Annual Books or Almanacks, he continued twenty eight years together; thereby making an addition to his former Reputation, but never growing less, or loosing of any his once purchased Honour. He still gained ground, but never lost any; and not only his Almanacks, but his other more laborious writings also, met with a very happy entertainment and success: So that in truth,

Truth , all persons that have Printed and sold his works , as well as those that have bought and read them , are Debtors to his memory and pains. And the Book-seller and Printer as well as the Astronomer must mourn the unhappy loss of Mr. Wing.

But now , Mr. Wing was not only a good man , and singular good Artist , but he was a kind and loving Neighbour : and for his temperate and sober behaviour and demeanor , was infinitely beloved of all those he lived among : as well of the more Rustical and unpolished sort of people ( which generally look upon Astrologers as Conjurers , and Mathematicians as Mad-men ; ) as of those of the best quality and breeding ; obliging the latter by his Ingenuity and Industry in Science ; and the former by his Humility , and readiness at all times to do them good . So that the meeker sort of people were always ready to serve him ; and the better sort of Persons \* to assist and encourage him in any of his studious attempts . He was a Serious Cordial Friend , and hard to be removed in affection when once he had settled it upon any man ; and when he was necessitated to be an Enemy , (being naturally so great a lover of Peace and Friendship ) it was as great a trouble to him , as the knowledge of Letters was ( pretended to be ) to a Noble Roman , when he came to signe

\* Dominus Ascendentis cum domino Medio & aliis honestatis, & Principum, (aut Magnatum) familiaritatem.  
Ptol. par. p. 132.

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the death of any offender. In his greatest provocations, and from the very *worst* of his *Enemies*, (as I am informed) he would admit of a *Reconcilement* upon the *easiest* terms imaginable: he ever loved to *preserve Amity* and *Friendship*, and to *crush or banish Enmity* and *Hatred*.

He was likewise known to be a most *careful* and *loving Husband*, and a *Kind* and *Indulgent Father*; as appeared both in the *Pru-dent* government of his *Family* in his *Life-time*, and by his disposing and ordering of things at his *Death*, for the good of his *Relict* and *Children*: that they might not (after his *Decease*) turn *Wolves* and *Tygers* each to other; as in *too many very good Families* (for want of such care and foresight) it is, God knows, *too frequently seen*; and (when past remedy) *too vainly lamented*.

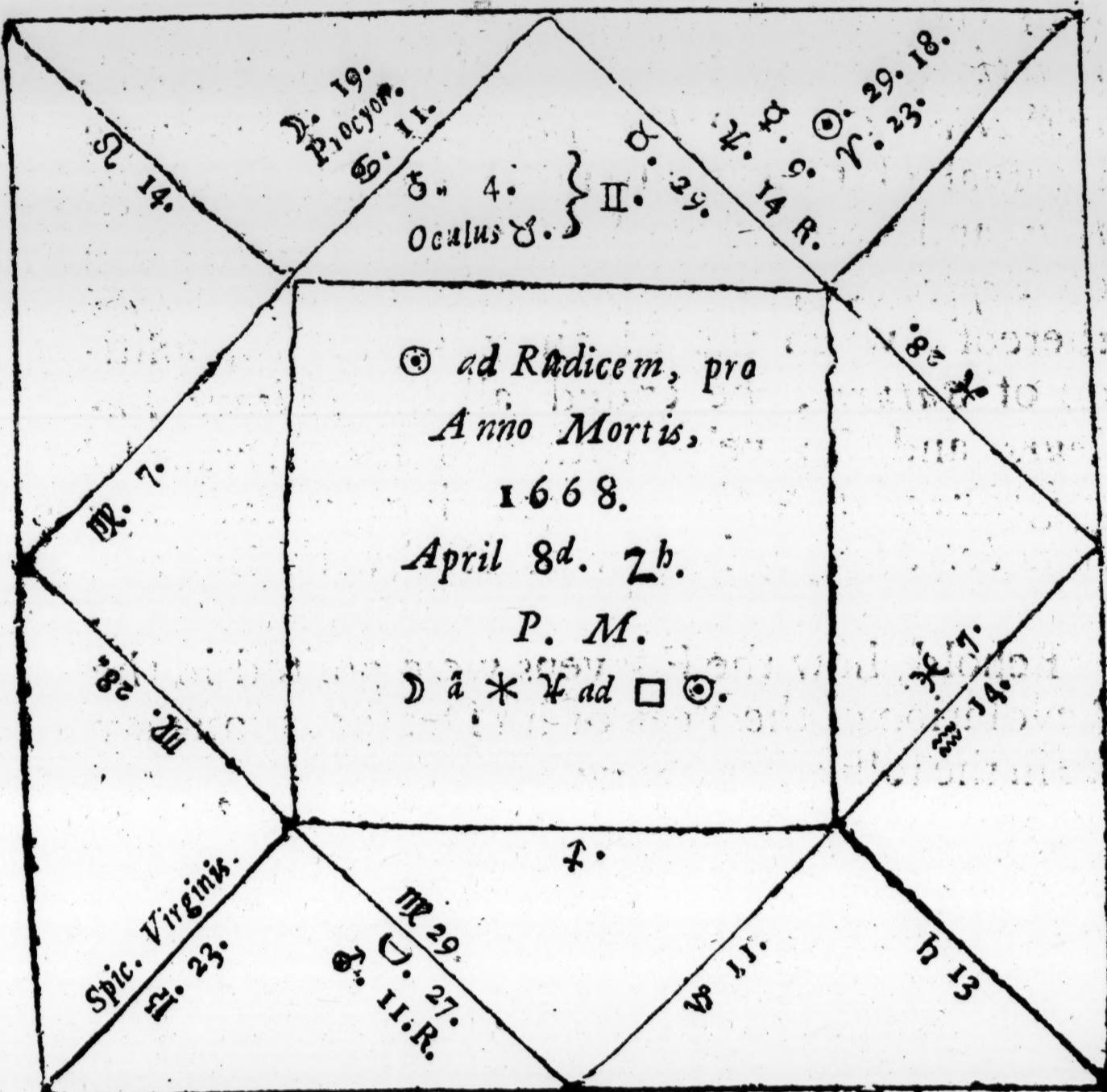
Lastly, Mr. Wing was a man so *naturally made for Action*, and so much abominating *Remisseness* and *Dulness*; that to follow his *employments*, he often hazarded his much to be prized *Health*: he having for near *thirty years together*, been constantly upon *bu-siness*, riding *early and late*, in all kinds of *weather, wayes, and seasons*, which (*sine Dubio*) was the *propinquate cause* (at length) of a *very great Hoarsness*, which began to seize him

him violently in the beginning of the *forty-ninth year of his Age*, it being a year *Climacterical*: which *Hoarsness* was (after some interval of time) attended with a *Consumption* and *Catarrhe*; whereof in the moneth of *September*, 1668. and the twentieth day thereof, when the Moon was in an opposition of *Saturn*, he ended all his *Tedious Labours* and *Travels*, with this his *Terrestrial Pilgrimage*: And so, receiving an *exchange* to a *better Life*, is now at *Rest* with God.

Behold, how the Heavens were posited in the Revolution of the Year of his Death; as you may see in the following *Sceam*.

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Herein you see the Lord of the Ascendent, and Lord of the Eighth House are applying to a Conjunction, and this upon the Cuspe of the Eighth House in the Radix ; and not only so, but they are both of them in a hateful opposition of Mars, and in Quadrature Aspect of Saturn : and the Lady of the Ascendent in the Radix, is, in this Figure returned to the place of Saturn and Oculus Tauri, who were radically placed in the House of Death. Saturn also

also is by *Direction*, as well as *Position*, pro-  
misor of *Death* in this *Nativity*. All which  
are as so many *Trumpeters* of this *Natives ap-  
proaching Fate*; which he (instead of being  
daunted at) welcomed with a great deal of  
*Chearfulness* even to the very last. And in-  
deed no man that hath lived well and upright-  
ly, & done good in his *Generation* (as Mr. *Wing*  
had done) need be *affraid of Death*, or of the  
knowledge of the *time thereof*. It was a *Blessing*  
that \**Holy David* prayed for, and that St. *Paul* \* Facut exper-  
riar. Jehovah,  
finem meum.  
mensura die-  
rum meorum,  
quid sit; ex-  
periar quam  
dubibilis sum. Psal.

The *Direction* that Cut off *Life*, was the  
*Sun* to the *Body* of *Saturn*, viz. the meeting  
of the *Hylech* and *Anareta*, in an *Anaretical*  
place thus proved.

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<i>Longitudo Solis</i> —r—	29.	18.
<i>Descensio Obliqua</i> —	41.	27.
<i>Longit. Saturni</i> —ii—	6.	24.
<i>Latit. Saturni merid:</i> — i.	51.	
<i>Declinatio Supraterram</i> —	19.	38.
<i>Ascensio Recta Saturni</i> —	64.	51.
<i>Differentia Ascensionalis</i>	26.	9.
<i>Descensio Obliqua Saturni</i> —	91.	0.
<i>Arcus Directionis</i> —	49.	33.

If the Learned *Ptolemy* may be credited,  
(as indeed why should he not, if he speak  
truth?) when he sayes, *Aphor.* 37. That those  
persons who have *Libra* or *Aries* Ascending

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*Quorum autem  
ascendens erit  
Aries aut  
Libra, hi mor-  
tis sua cause  
erunt. Ptol.  
Cent. Aphor. 37.*

at their *Birth*, shall (not need the envy of others to bring them to their ends, but) be the *unhappy cause* of their own *Deaths*: (although I believe, and all the world knows and is satisfied, that Mr. *Wing* was not *felo de se*, as *Lawyers* speak, being of *better principles* than to commit a violence upon or against himself; yet,) I am convinced, that (in a charitable and just sense,) he made the *Aphorisme* good. For, we know his *Soul* was so set upon *business* (as before you have heard) that he *laboured*, not only *beyond his strength*, even till the *last*, but *against the opinions of his Physicians*: not that he conceived in so doing, he any way did hasten or accelerate his *Death*, but because he *hated Idle-ness*: being a man of so *unwearied a fancy*, that he was *Active*, and *working* to the *last*; and had not *strength* and *Vigor* first left him, he had never left his *Employment*; for he dyed *labouring*, even in the *middest of his business*, as well as his years.

The worthy *Albohali* tells us, that if the significators of *Death* in any *Nativity*, shall be *in domibus vel exaltationibus suis, a malis liberi, erit mors ejus in parentes et proximos suos*. And so true we find his words, (for they take full place in Mr. *Wings* *Nativity*) that, as Mr. *Wings* *Life* did not cross or Contradict the *Influences of the Stars*, neither did his *Death*. For he (as the *Holy Patriarch Jacob*) dyed among his *Relations*, & received an honourable *Interment*.

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*On the Death of so many Eminent Astrologers,  
and Mathematicians; and particularly on  
the Expiration of Mr. Vincent Wing.*

Our Mirth and Pleasures leave us for a space,  
While Sighs and Tears Usurp upon your place :  
Behold the Wounds the Stars do give their Friends !  
“ The Fates spare none, may bring about their Ends.  
First, they force Loyal Neve resign his Breath :  
Next, Learned Fisk compel to yield to Death :  
Then, the great Oughtred ( in a goodly Age,  
His part being done ) they hurrey off the Stage :  
Culpeper follows : [The Physicians Foe !]  
All ~~Astrologians~~ surely are not so.  
And painful Booker too, they take to's rest.  
“ Angels themselves subscribe— *Ac Mortuus est.*

But Death not satisfied, unless he,  
Work a sure Famine in Astrology,  
And make the world with his Massacres Ring:  
Hath last of all, remov'd Laborious Wing.

Sure Death's turn'd Courtier, will not be deny'd  
The thing he covets, though the best man Dy'd.

Ah ! Cruel Tyrant ! what ill hast thou done,  
To bless'd *URANIA*? her scarce risen Sun  
Must set, before it the *Meridian Mount* :  
What shall we now, of *Fair Urania Count* ?

She could have spar'd thee *Quacks & Fools* good store ;  
*Turn-coats* and *Traitors* full as many more :  
Which *Tribe*, thy hungry *Stomach* might suffice ;  
In taking them, thou'dst sav'd *URANIA'S* eyes :

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But, at her Friends to cast thy envious Dart,  
At once strikes Blind and Dead her Eye and Heart.

No more Astrologers, since these are gone,  
Trouble your serious skill, or thoughts upon  
Poor Mortals Life and Death ! Your Period's set ;  
And the Alchocoden that governs it,  
Must veile to th' Anareta : All your pain ,  
Cannot from it the meanest minute gain !

" 'Tis Natures privilege to be severe :

" And let her reign Triumphant in her Sphear.

T. F. Astrophil.



### Advertisement.

Courteous Reader,

IN the foregoing discourse, you are informed of the Death of the Person of Mr. Wing, but his Fame, that is still surviving ; and this, not only in his own Laborious pieces, emitted into the world in his Life time ; but in a son, he left behind him, who bears his own Name : And is so far inclined to his Fathers Studies, that he hath for this present year 1670. wrote his *Almanack*, or *Apula*, and (by Gods blessing) intends the Annual continuance thereof.

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